

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, the first paragraph, please amend as follows:

--The invention relates to a method ~~for transmitting audio signals according to the prioritizing pixel transmission according to the preamble of patent claim 1.~~ of prioritizing transmission of spectral components of audio signals.--

On page, the third paragraph, please amend as follows:

-- The commonalities of the known methods reside therein that even at lower transmission rates satisfactory voice intelligibility is still provided. This is substantially attained through the formation of mean values. However, different voices of the source yield similarly sounding voices in the [[rate]] lowering, such that, for example voice fluctuations, which are detectable in normal conversation, are no longer transmitted. This results in a marked restriction in the quality of communication.--

On page 2, the second full paragraph, please amend as follows:

-- ~~This aim is attained according to the invention through the characteristics of patent claim 1.~~